NONE IN CHRIST Week of April 18 - 24, 2023

A NOTE FROM PASTOR MEAGAN



John 20:19-31

¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." ²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

²⁶A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." ²⁸Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." ³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Doubting Thomas is famous—almost infamous—person among Jesus's disciples. He is the doubting one, the one who didn't believe until he saw. He can get a really bad rap, but in reality, so many of us are right there with Thomas. We like to see proof of things that seem hard to believe, and Jesus rising to life when he was so clearly dead certainly falls into the category of hard to believe!

Taken another way, the experience of Thomas can help us to understand two very important truths about life, and faith in God. The first is that, when we struggle to believe, Jesus is right there saying, "put your fingers on the wounds in my hands and feet, and your hand in my side. I am here, and I am alive!"

The second truth is that resurrection does not erase the wounds we carry, any more than it erased Jesus's wounds. The wounds we bear in our lives are, in and of themselves, evidence of the resurrection. They are proof that beyond pain and struggle, there is healing, life, and love. The death and resurrection of Jesus have made it certain, for today and forever, that death will never be the final word. Jesus has risen! Alleluia!

Questions for Reflection

When have you seen life and hope come from the wounds you carry? How can we as church use our wounds to help others find healing and faith?



WE WORSHIP....

Sunday, April 23, 10:00am Worship

Access Online Bulletin

Join us for Worship in the Sanctuary. <u>Childcare will be provided</u> in the nursery each week.

OR

You may also attend virtually using the Zoom link or call the number noted in the bulletin to join us!

Masks are optional to enter the building, and will be available at entrances if needed. If you feel unwell, please care for yourself and others by staying home, and we will be happy to see you when you return. Thank you for your commitment to caring for one another!

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Call in From Any Phone: 312-626-6799 Meeting ID: 278 217 453 | Password: 971744

Worship Signup

At Christ Lutheran, our children and youth are part of our church, and we encourage people of all ages to take on leadership roles during our worship service. If you would like the opportunity to serve in worship, visit: <u>http://tiny.cc/worshipsignup</u>

For more info visit the Children's Google Drive: http://tiny.cc/children-drive

TO SERVE AS ACOLYTE:

Please visit <u>https://bit.ly/CLCacolytes</u> Contact Kersten Horn (<u>horn.kersten@gmail.com</u>) if your child needs acolyte training.

TO SIGN UP AS A LECTOR OR ASSISTING MINSTER: Please contact Mark Roock.

Please reach out to Kate Hoerchler with questions and suggestions you have about the children and youth ministries at Christ Lutheran.

SPECIAL NOTICES



Your Friendly Neighborhood "Webster Creative Community" Invites You to Rejoice and Attend **GOSPELFEST**, a Community Concert & Celebration of Joyful & Inspirational Gospel Music & Song

> Emmanuel Episcopal Church at the corner of Lockwood Ave. & Bompart Ave. in the Main Sanctuary Sunday Afternoon, April 23 2 pm - 4 pm

- Concert performers are open to all ages, soloists, singing groups, Webster church choirs, and all other singers in our community.
- Maximum of 2 songs per performer.
- Sign up by Saturday, April 15, please text Dave Buck at 314-952-0910 or email him at: dave@buckstl.com. Please provide your name and the titles of your songs.

GOSPELFEST is FREE & Open to the Entire Community.

Please, no food for drink in the Main Sanctuary. Come gather in Parish Hall immediately following **GOSPELFEST** for light refreshments and community time.



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WEBSTER ROCK HILL

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TRIVIA NIGHT

\$30 Donation per person

Form a table of 8 or join with others! Bring your own snacks, beer, wine or soft drinks.

Heads/Tails Mulligans

50/50 Raffle Attendance Prizes

SILENT AUCTION

Prizes To Winning Team

FRIDAY MAY 12TH 2023

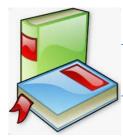
FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF WEBSTER GROVES

10 West Lockwood Ave. Webster Groves, 63119

Doors open at 6:15pm Game begins 7:00pm

To Register: Call WRHM office 314-961-5082 Prepayment is required for reservation of tables

Please bring canned goods to help the Ministries



AND LEARN....

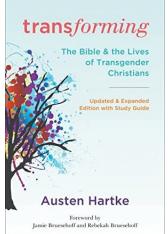
New Book Selection for Justice Book Group

The next book the Justice Book Group will be reading is Austin Hartke's "Transforming: The Bible and the Lives of Transgender Christians".

Please take note that a new edition of this book was just released, so it's encouraged that everyone try to get a copy of the latest edition rather than the original.

This book will discuss LGBTQIA+ justice in the church and feels particularly pertinent with anti-trans legislation moving through the Missouri legislature.

The group will discuss this book in its entirety in early June as a great way to kick off Pride Month.



For more information, please contact Kate Hoerchler.

Bible Study

The Tuesday Morning Bible Study will meet each Tuesday morning at 10:30am, in the fellowship hall. All are welcomed to join us!

Women's Group — Lenten Devotional Study

Please join the "Dwelling in the Word" women's group as we read, reflect, share, and pray using a study written by Kate Bowler. We will meet upstairs in the Youth Room at 11am on Sundays through the end of April, taking off Easter Sunday. No reading or prep work needed prior to each week's meeting. Join us each week or just drop in when you can!



Adult Forum meets on Sundays at 9am, in the Conference Room or on Zoom. We hope you can join us!

<u>Upcoming Sessions</u> April 23 — Author and Pastor, Elle Dowd, will present "Public Faith and Discipleship" where she will focus on why we should be engaged in justice work as Christians.

April 30 — Katie Ciorba — Social Justice Now

May 7 — Jesse Helton — Learning About God through Science Session 4. The Sunday school children and adults preform science experiments together.







HAPPENING THIS WEEK: Community Events Featuring Author and Pastor Elle Dowd

Elle Dowd (she/they) is a campus pastor in Chicago at South Loop Campus Ministry where she ministers to students, staff and faculty. She is also an ordained pastor in the ELCA. CLC's Justice Book Group recently read her book, *Baptized in Tear Gas*, where she describes her experience during the Ferguson uprising in 2014 as a pivotal moment in moving from white moderate to abolitionist.

Elle Dowd Workshop - "Spiritual Imagination as a Tool for Social Change"

Saturday, April 22 | 7:00 pm | Christ Lutheran Church

We are excited to host Elle Dowd in April, as she presents a workshop entitled, "Spiritual Imagination as a Tool for Social Change." Join us for this free community event where Rev. Dowd will focus on how we can best take action to support those who are oppressed and marginalized in our communities through a faith lens. The workshop will take place in the Sanctuary and will be followed by a reception in the Fellowship Hall. RSVPs encouraged, please click here — tiny.cc/elleRSVP

We are looking for volunteers to bring food and drink for the reception and also manage the refreshment table the night of the event. Refreshments would need to be dropped off by 6:00 pm on that Saturday. Click here to volunteer for this workshop — $\underline{tiny.cc/elleSERVE}$

Adult Forum - "Public Faith and Discipleship"

Sunday, April 23 | 9:00am | Christ Lutheran Church Join us in the Fellowship Hall for adult forum led by Elle Dowd where she will focus on why we should be engaged in justice work as Christians.

Worship

Sunday, April 23 | 10:00am | Christ Lutheran Church Join us for Sunday morning for worship in the sanctuary where Rev. Dowd will preach on the gospel, On the Road to Emmaus.

Questions? Contact Kate Hoerchler, 314-805-1751, katehoerchler@gmail.com

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SO WE CAN WELCOME....

Refreshment Volunteers Needed!



We're looking for refreshment volunteers to help provide food and snacks after church services. You may use the <u>online sign up</u> form to choose the date(s) you'd like to volunteer. We have dates available now through June! To sign up, just visit:

http://tiny.cc/refreshments



AND SERVE !

Please Consider Supporting "No Mow April"

The City of Webster Groves is asking for our help in a new initiative the City is undertaking this Spring. "No Mow April" is designed to support pollinators in our community. This initiative, championed by our Green Space and Sustainability Commissions, requires not action but inaction on the part of churches in Webster Groves. During the month of April, the City of Webster Groves will support a temporary exception to the requirement that grass not exceed ten inches. The City is encouraging homeowners and community members to limit or forgo lawn mowing practices during April to provide early season foraging resources for pollinators that emerge in the spring. The city will also limit its mowing by limiting it to areas that require it for specific recreational and sports activities.



Register here for participation in the program and request your NO MOW APRIL yard sign.

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PRAYER REQUESTS

Please include the following people in your prayer life during this week.

ONGOING HEALTH CONCERNS: Those who are suffering from chronic pain & diseases, Shelly Madden, Linda Armstrong, Gege Brightman, Christine Austin, Kate and Brian Bates (John Hoffmann's sister and brother-in-law), Evan Deck, Helga Hayes, Joan (friend of the Roocks), John Hoffmann, Bev & Al Marcus (friend of John Hoffmann), Michael McMullen (Greg McMullen's brother), Anna McIntyre, Donna Munger, Doris & Harry Rahlfs (Karen Wood's parents), Shirley Walf, and Wayne Walfman, Current Muser, Constant



Wolf, and Wayne Wellman (Susanne Reimer-Fey's brother), Kerry Munger (son of Donna Munger).

IN BLESSED MEMORY: For all of those who have died and all of those who grieve, that they may know the presence of God who grieves with us.

IN MILITARY SERVICE: Josh Duncan, Chris Hudson, Jesse Proctor, Scott Warr.

ANNIVERSARIES AND BIRTHDAYS!

LET'S CELEBRATE APRIL ANNIVERSARIES AND BIRTHDAYS!

Congratulations and Best Wishes! Christ Lutheran family wants to celebrate you!

ANNIVERSARIES:

04/13 — Scott & Kirsten Glascock 04/14 — Bob & Carolyn Crowe 04/16 — Kevin & Diane Drollinger 04/21 — Wayne & Faith Moore 04/23 — John & Sue Zempel

BIRTHDAYS:

04/01 — Anne Marie Kettler 04/01 — Bradley Kuziel 04/02 — Bill Griffith 04/02 — Chris Zempel 04/03 — Linda Griffith 04/03 — Daniel Gunther 04/04 — Kaia Askew-Sunkara 04/04 — Phillip Hoerchler 04/05 — Suzie Benedum 04/05 — Woody Erickson 04/05 — Joan O'Brien 04/06 — Joe Zempel 04/07 — Mattis Horn 04/08 — Adrienne Christner 04/09 — Katie Ciorba 04/10 — Dave Fey 04/10 — Lena Helton 04/11 — Steve Mitchler 04/13 — Emmy Bender 04/13 — Luke Bender 04/13 — Kaylee Glascock 04/14 — Barbara Rose Hughes 04/14 — John Zempel



04/15 — Kim Donermeyer 04/16 — Anne Marie Wischmeyer 04/19 — Alex Cramer 04/20 — Richard Mudd 04/22 — Erica Donermeyer 04/22 — Garth Stole 04/23 — Ben Drollinger 04/23 — Thomas Hopper 04/26 — David Hill 04/26 — Joseph W. Miller 04/27 — Timothy Donermeyer 04/27 — Paige Lauer 04/28 — Melissa Allen 04/28 — Ella Knapp 04/29 — Seannah McCarty 04/30 — Paul Lenhart

Our apologies if we missed anybody! Please let us know if we did.

April 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 <i>Palm Sunday</i> 9a Education Hour 10a Worship	3 12p Sr. Fellowship at Laclede Groves 4p Fitness group 7p Justice Group	4 10a Text Study 10:30a Bible Study	5 7:30p Choir Practice	6 4p Fitness Group 7p Maundy Thurs- day Service	7 6p Vigil for Black Lives 7p Good Friday Service	8 7:30p Holy Satur- day Service
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Facility Use Calendar: The above calendar shows congregational events for CLC. To view when areas of the building may be in use, visit <u>http://tiny.cc/facility-cal</u>.

Needing to Use the Building? Please contact the office to reserve your space. We have a busy season approaching and want to ensure there are no conflicts with the use of our building.

2023 Pledge Card: Stewarding Our Gifts					
Thankful for God's abundance and continuing to worship and serve with fellow members of Christ Lutheran Church, we pledge to use our spiritual gifts to be stewards of God's love.					
Print name(s):					
I/We celebrate our spiritual gifts of:					
Skills/Knowledge:					
Passion:					
And, therefore, pledge to be stewards in the following ways :					
Including, joyfully planning to give \$ in calendar year 2023					
Date: Contact info:					
Check here if you'd like to continue receiving paper offering envelopes.					
Please return your pledge card by 12/18/2022. You may mail this pledge card to the church office, put it in the offering basket or email your pledge form to office@christwg.org					
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Keep this portion for your records as reminder of your planned giving.					
2023 Pledge for Christ Lutheran Church					
I/We plan to give a total of \$ by December 31, 2023, to support our Lord's mission and ministry through Christ Lutheran Church – Webster Groves, and to be stewards in the following ways:					



Christ Lutheran Church, ELCA

TELEPHONE: 314-962-6011

E-MAIL: OFFICE@CHRISTWG.ORG

WEBSITE: WWW.CHRISTWG.ORG

WORSHIP SCHEDULE: SUNDAY AT 10:00 A.M.

REV. MEAGAN MCLAUGHLIN OFFICE HOURS: MON-WED, FRI 8:30-4:30 (APPTS BY ARRANGEMENT)

> COUNCIL PRESIDENT: JESSICA GUNTHER

DIRECTOR OF SENIOR ADULT MINISTRIES AND FAITH COMMUNITY NURSE: CAROLYN CROWE

DIRECTOR OF CHOIRS: DIANE DROLLINGER

> ORGANIST: MARK RUFF

OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR: MAHLIK GOOD

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WEBMASTER: MIKE WAGNER/STEPHANIE LENHART

Christ Lutheran Church Mission Statement

Deepening people's connection to Christ, Bringing meaning to daily life, and Making a difference in our community.